

MICHIGAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION & TREATMENT BOARD

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**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND
TREATMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

October 11, 2000

Oakland County Courthouse

West Wing

Pontiac, MI

***** APPROVED – April 3, 2001 *****

Attendance:

James A. Fink, Chair
Ferne Farber, DV Board
Shirley Mann Gray, DV Board
Michelle Hayes, DV Board
Catherine C. Lucas, DV Board
The Honorable Edward Sosnick, DV Board

Debi Cain, Executive Director
Celest Colton, DV Staff
Carol Hackett Garagiola, DV Staff
Sarah Heuser, DV Staff
Julie Lyons, DV Staff
Anna Melbin, DV Student Intern
Carri Phillips, DV Staff
Joyce Wright, DV Staff

Absent:

The Honorable Richard Halloran, DV Board

Guests:

Roy Clinkscales, Recovery Consultants, Inc.
Andrew Fink, Student
Kathy Hagenian, MCADSV
Barbara Hankey, Oakland County Community Corrections
Larry Hermen, Centerboard Associates
Sandy Love, Recovery Consultants, Inc.

Hedy Nuriel, HAVEN

Gwyn VanDevender, Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center

- I. Meeting called to order at 1:15 pm.** Introductions were made around the room.
- II. Board Consent**
 - A. Approval of Agenda:** C. Lucas moved to approve the agenda. S. Mann Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Approval of Minutes:** C. Lucas moved to approve the MDVPTB meeting minutes of September 13, 2000. Seconded by S. Mann Gray. Motion carried.
- III. General Reports:**
 - A. Chair's Report:**
 - 1. Governor's Domestic Violence Awareness Month Press Conference:**

J. Fink announced that Governor Engler, D. Posthumus, and M. Keefe hosted a press conference today in Lansing to announce the appointment of a Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Task Force. The task force will be chaired by the Lieutenant Governor and will include J. Fink and D. Cain. The six-month task force will make recommendations for our response to domestic violence in Michigan with the idea of homicide prevention.
 - 2. Board Policy Review:**
 - a. Board Committee Structure:** This policy was carried over for action from the September board meeting agenda. C. Lucas headed the discussion. D. Cain recommended continuing the Governance Committee. C. Lucas recommended the rotation of board members on the Governance Committee. This item will be added for discussion to the December agenda.
 - MOTION: Made by S. Mann Gray to eliminate all board committees with the exception of the Governance Committee. Seconded by F. Farber. Motion carried.**
- IV. Monitoring to Assure Organizational Performance:**
 - A. Executive Limitations:**

1. D. Cain reviewed her report to the board on Compensation and Benefits. Because FIA and Civil Service determine state employee compensation and benefits, the report remained the same as last year.
2. The Assurance of Quality report reflected a correction of language as discussed at the September board meeting. Item number 2 will read: Identify organizations deemed appropriate for use by providers to comply with state standards.

MOTION: Made by C. Lucas to accept D. Cain's report on Compensation and Benefits and to accept the rewritten item number two in the Executive Limitations Policies, The Assurance of Quality policy. Seconded by F. Farber. Motion carried.

V. Executive Director's Report on Ends Development:

A. New and Emerging Domestic Violence Programs: Three Michigan communities have approached the MDVPTB office for particulars on opening new programs and on funding issues. The complex issues of sheltering, comprehensive services, and funding are becoming areas, which the MDVPTB needs to review. Discussion ensued. The board responded to collect information, look at the problem, poll current shelters, and make a set of recommendations. J. Fink requested staff to gather a packet of information and/or sample survey of information to allow for the next level of discussion at the December board meeting.

B. Announcements:

1. **Awards Ceremony:** D. Cain congratulated C. Hackett Garagiola on receiving an award today at the 2000 Oakland County Domestic Violence Prevention Awards Ceremony held in Pontiac. C. Hackett Garagiola was honored as bringing tireless commitment to her work and being a stellar person in all regards.
2. **The Domestic Violence Project in Washtenaw County:** The DV Project was one of three national grantees on a very huge community undertaking. The board has been invited to attend a reception on October 17 honoring the DV Project.
3. **The Women's Justice Center/My Sister's Place:** is holding their annual Image Award and silver anniversary dinner inviting the board.
4. **Lansing Conference:** On October 23, MDVPTB, the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, Michigan State Police and Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards will be hosting a conference on Investigating Domestic

Violence and Recognizing the Dominant Aggressor at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel.

5. **Mort Crim Communications:** is working on several logos for board consideration. A first annual report is being designed using the fiscal calendar (October 1 through September 30) using the month of October (domestic violence awareness month) as a release date. A quarterly newsletter is also on the planning table within the next six months.
6. **Train-the-Trainer's Academy:** S. Heuser reported on the Train-the-Trainer's Academy. A formal evaluation will be prepared in November. The overall consensus of participants was that the academy was a remarkable collaborative effort and was well received. S. Heuser recommended to the board that letters of appreciation be sent to academy committee members with copies to their supervisors. J. Fink agreed to sign on behalf of the board.

VI. Ends Development:

B. Hankey, Oakland County Community Corrections, and C. Hackett Garagiola presented on the outcomes of the tethering pilot project completed in September 2000. B. Hankey began by explaining the technology stating that a global positioning system (GPS) tether was used in this project. The GPS tether allows tracking of the sender 24-hours a day, seven days a week. The sender wears a traditional ankle tether connected to a box carried on the person. The box communicates with the 24 satellites that circulate the globe. At least three satellites can see the sender at all times. A GPS receiver is within the carried box. The satellites talk between themselves and the GPS receiver sending the pinpointed location to the monitoring agency (House Arrest Services).

B. Hankey clarified the difference between an inclusion zone and an exclusion zone (hot zones). An inclusion zone is a geographic area, any number of miles, where a defendant must be at any given time, i.e., defendant's home, place of work. An exclusion zone, any number of miles, where a defendant cannot be, i.e., victim's home, victim's place of work, day care. Over the project's span of one year, 12 defendants in Oakland County were on the program. The Pontiac District Court (with a few cases from the Circuit Court) was targeted to keep the pilot project manageable. While the defendants were on the GPS, none of the victims were harassed, threatened, or had any instance of violence occur to them. However, when some of the defendants were released from tether, they were in immediate contact with the victim.

What was learned? If there is no behavior modification or reinforcing of treatment while on the system, tethering will not have any lasting benefits. Sanctions and sentencing need to be more consistent. While defendants are on tether and thinking about their behavior, this is an opportune time of changing their behavior. Under the Michigan Court Rule on release, a judge

or magistrate can order, as a condition of bond, that the defendant seek counseling, i.e., drug counseling, mental health treatment, domestic violence batterer's intervention. A collaborative effort between the courts, jails, and shelters needs to be strengthened to make the transition from tethering to counseling possible.

D. Cain thanked B. Hankey and G. Theriault of Otsego County for their dedicated work to keep this pilot on track. It is the plan by the December board meeting to have a written summary of what has been learned.

VII. Public Comment: H. Nuriel announced HAVEN's new program, the TRY program – Taking Responsibility for Yourself. It is a program in conjunction with the 52nd First District Court. A group of batterers, who also have substance abuse issues, are referred to TRY as a group and are being provided combined domestic violence and substance abuse counseling. Sequoia Recoveries does the substance abuse portion; one of HAVEN's counselors does the domestic violence portion.

VIII. Process Evaluation: The awards ceremony was praised as a wonderful event. Board members are feeling more comfortable with the Carver Model and with the direction of the board.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

MOTION: Made by F. Farber to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by M. Hayes. Motion Carried.